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DD Mid-Term Meeting



Ontario, CA, January 9, 2017 — On Saturday January 7, 2017, **State Deputy Sonny Santa Ines** opened the District Deputy Mid Term meeting with the theme "Inform and Inspire". He stated, "We want to inform you and to inspire you", and shared that many things have been accomplished to date. However, there are many more to complete. He encouraged everyone to share the information being presented with the Councils.



Supreme Director James Scroggin provided an update on the changes within the Supreme Council and departments. He stressed the need to know the principles of the order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. He encouraged all to connect with the men of the parish, especially the young men and their families. They are the future of our Order. He also stressed the overarching need to maintain our unity with our Bishops and Priests.



Field Agent Mike McGranahan stated that our Fraternal Benefits program is once again rated AA+ in the industry. There is no other company with a higher rating. Knights of Columbus has been named most ethical company each of the past three years. With over 75,000 brothers in the state and growing. There are still many fellow Catholic men who are not members of the order. We must reach out to them and ensure they know the value our Fraternal Benefits brings to their families.



Supreme Secretary Michael O'Connor praised California as one of the best jurisdictions in the order. We have strong support from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and the entire Board of Directors and Staff. Brother Michael stated we must maintain Solidarity with our Bishops and Priests. We, as Knights of Columbus, are in the best position to defend our Bishops and Priests.



Assistant General Counsel Brian Gedicks provided a presentation on Safe Environment. We have seen over the past 20 years an increase on sexual misconduct throughout the country. The Knights of Columbus have not had any incident within the Order. We need to uphold our great word. Witness and credibility is vital. We keep a safe environment to our families and parishes. We must maintain credibility with our Church, our families, our families. Supremes commitment is to protect our children and other vulnerable persons. There are five points Supreme is stressing:

Pastors, our Bishops, our families. Supremes commitment is to protect our children and other vulnerable persons. There are five points Supreme is stressing:

- To ensure a safe environment for our children and other vulnerable persons
- To assure our members and their families that the Knights of Columbus provides a safe environment for children and vulnerable persons
- Protect members from awkward situations, misunderstanding or any appearance of impropriety
- Protect the good name of the Knights of Columbus
- To build credibility with Diocese and Parishes, our Bishops and Priests.

Additional information regarding Membership, Programs and Operations information presented is found in the following pages.

Major Events

- World Marriage Day February 12, 2017
- Academic and Religious Scholarships March 1, 2017
- Free Throw Challenges/State Championship March 18, 2017
- Spiritual Retreats
- Founders Day Membership Drive March 25/26, 2017
- Youth Essay Competition/Youth Poster Program



State Deputy's Message

Sonny R. Santa Ines
State Deputy

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family had a wonderful Christmas season. This is also the mid-point of our fraternal year and it is a great opportunity to take stock of what we have accomplished for the first six months and examine our plans for the next six months.

First of all, thank you for your hospitality when you welcome the state officers and wives to your chapters and councils for the officers' installation, testimonial and State Deputy Forum. Thank you for helping grow the Order and for your support of the various state programs.

At the half year mark, the California Jurisdiction is in a good place. In the first six months of the fraternal year, we recruited 1,882 new members (43% of goal) but let go of 587 members which brought our net gain to 1,295 (43% of goal). We formed five new councils (36% of goal), reactivated one suspended council (11% of goal) and established 134 round tables (95.7% of goal).

We conducted programs such RSVP, Priesthood Sunday, Special Olympics, Intellectual Disabilities Drive, Food for Families, Coats for Kids, Soccer Challenge and many more. So far, we raised funds for 2.9 containers of wheelchairs for the Holy Land/Middle East and for 4 ultrasound machines.

The state website had been enhanced making it easier to navigate. You are receiving this monthly mailer which a good number of Brother Knights anxiously await receiving every month. Communication guidelines have been established and more training for council officers is available. The Formation Degree exemplification has been revised.

Where do we go from here? We will continue focus on the councils' success. We ask every Brother Knight to do his best to help his council achieve Star Council. Why? Fr. Ramon Marrufo, Chaplain of the San Diego Diocese Chapter said it best when he stated that **Star Council should be the expectation** of every council. It is the best measurement of the council's growth, protection of families, program participation and compliance with Supreme's reporting and financial requirements.

We need to grow the Order through one-on-one recruitment, membership drive and other channels. We should encourage financial protection for more families. We should conduct various programs, increase our charitable footprint and document those on Form 1728 which is due on January 31, 2017 and SP-7 which is due on June 30, 2017. If you have not done it yet, please report your program officers on Form 365 and keep your account with Supreme current. So, let us shoot for the star, Star Council that is.

Save the date: State Convention on May 18-20, 2017 in San Diego. We have a lot of exciting things waiting for you: Thursday night Welcome Party's "Knights Got Talent", opening Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert W. McElroy of San Diego, Admission Degree Exemplification during the Convention, Friday night Entertainment's "Holywood", "Roaring 20s" for the Ladies Luncheon, closing Mass celebrated by Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, banquet and many more. I look forward to celebrating with you and your families.

Vivat Jesus!

Sonny R. Santa Ines
State Deputy



RESOLVE TO RECRUIT AT LEAST ONE NEW MEMBER

My Brothers,

January 1 marks the mid-point of the Columbian Year and to date you have recruited 1,806 new members statewide. This is roughly 41.5% of the State membership goal. We had, of course, like you strived to reach the 50% mark by mid-year. Nevertheless, we have the final six months of the year to demonstrate our charity and resolve to grow the Order in the State of California. How does your council, district or chapter stack up in recruiting new members? Are you on track for Star Council and Star District?

You have heard me say on more than one occasion that membership is not about numbers. Rather it is about our programs, our common spirituality, and our engagement in our churches and communities. These are the reasons men are motivated to join. The beginning of the new year is a time when many of us make New Year's resolutions, and I would ask you resolve to recruit at least one new member during the month of January.



We have many exciting awards for top recruiters in the State. Those who recruit one new member will receive an attractive and collectible Our Lady of Guadalupe Lapel pin like the one pictured to the left. Not only is one awarded to the recruiter, but a second pin is sent for the member recruited as well. Those recruiting three new members will receive a Three Star Recruiter Hat, and those recruiting five or more new members a Five Star Recruiter shirt like that pictured below.



The second of two statewide all church membership drives is coming up on Founder's Day weekend, March 25 and 26, 2017. It is not too soon to begin planning. Recruit new members on behalf of our Founder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney and continue to grow his dream of an Order of faith based Catholic men united in service.

Supreme has announced they are extending the \$4.50 per billable member Star Council per capita credit again this year. Those councils achieving Star Council will automatically receive a \$4.50 per billable member credit to their 2017-2018 per capita assessment. For most councils, this can amount to a considerable amount of money. For councils with 100 billable members, for instance, it would be \$450. For councils with 250 billable members, it would be \$1,125, all of which can be redirected to council activities and/or charities of your choice. When you are making your New Year's resolutions, be sure to include making your council a Star Council!

Remember: *Every Member A Recruiter!*

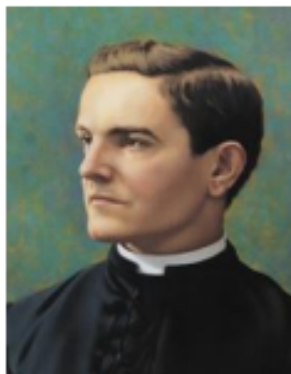
May God bless,
Dave Abbott
State Membership Director
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EVERY MEMBER A RECRUITER!

FOUNDER'S DAY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



MARCH 25 & 26, 2017

**Recruit new members in honor of our Founder the
Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney!**

- ☐ Mobilize all members of your council and order recruitment materials from Supreme
- ☐ Request your Pastor's permission to conduct the drive and have pulpit announcements
- ☐ Advertise in your council and church bulletin
- ☐ Have tables outside the church with information materials and a Knight at every door
- ☐ Invite every Catholic man to join the Knights of Columbus

Watch For Recruitment Incentives!



STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Noel Panlilio
State Programs Director

Worthy Brothers,

As we reach the midpoint of this Columbian year 2016-2017, there are already more than **1,800** activities reported and/or logged in to date - of which **455** are "Building the Domestic Church" activities. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continuous support and participation in the various service program activities of our Order. If this trend continues, we will be well on our way into making a huge difference in the state of California!

At the last District Deputy Meeting held in Ontario, we have revisited the CY 2016-2017 Overarching Goals for Service Programs, namely:

- I. Integrate the different Service Program Activities with Parish Life/Activities towards moving the Order-wide initiative of "Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish";
- II. Increase participation of councils in the different Service Program Activities with emphasis on the Supreme Featured Programs; and
- III. Develop a process/mechanism by which the different councils can report program activities on a monthly basis to the Service Program Director and the Service Activities Chairmen.

Updates were also shared at the DD Meeting as to how well we are doing with the different Service Program Surge for Service Categories (Church and Vocations; Council, Family, Youth, Community and Culture of Life). Let us all continue to work towards achieving the **25%** participation rate of all CA State Councils for Supreme Featured Programs and **20%** council participation rate for other Service Program Activities. Please continue to submit Council's Service Program Activities Monthly Reporting forms of the different Surge for Service Categories. Note that it is never too late to submit the forms for activities done in the previous months.

As long as we continue to work together, I am confident that we will achieve and even surpass the goals and objectives that we have set for this Columbian Year!

God Bless!

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State Program Director
CY 2016-2017
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FREE THROW COMPETITION

Since 1972, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14. The championship is set up to have the contestants compete within their own gender and age group. All competition starts at the local level. Winners move on to the district, chapter/regional, and state levels. From there, some make it to the international level for championship competition in their group.

To sponsor a competition, all your council needs is the ***Free Throw Championship Kit (#FT-KIT)***, a couple of basketballs, a hoop and a bunch of kids. It is a great way to get out into the public and introduce the Order to your community — while providing youths with a rewarding activity that yields a chance for local, state or provincial, and international recognition.

You can also use the order form in the ***Council Report Forms Booklet*** (#1436), or call the Department of Fraternal Services at 203-752-4270.

Who May Enter?

All boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 are eligible to compete in the Free Throw Championship. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1. High school-age athletes should be advised to check with their school athletic directors or their state's high school athletic association regarding possible eligibility conflicts. Each youngster may compete in only one council competition. Local champions may not represent more than one council.

Championship entrants compete against youngsters of the same age and gender in six age divisions: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. At the council level, each competitor gets 15 free throws, and the one who makes the most shots wins. If there's a tie, five-shot tiebreaker rounds follow until a winner emerges. Use a tiebreaker if there is a tie for second place; the second place finisher will move on to successive levels of competition if, for whatever reason, the winner is unavailable. In the event that the winner in any level cannot participate in the next level of competition, the second place winner should represent the area group.

All contestants must register using the official K of C Free Throw Championship Entry Form/Score Sheet (#1598). All entry forms/score sheets must include a parent's signature. Proof of age must accompany all registration forms and should be verified at all levels. The entry form/score sheet also contains spaces to record the contestants' scores. This form must accompany each champion as he or she progresses through the competition.

Council Free Throw Competitions will be held on **January 2017**, District and Chapter Competitions on **February 2017**, and the State Free Throw Competition on **March 18, 2017** (Saturday) at one location in Northern California and another one in Southern California.

Locations will be at: **North – St. James Parish Hall/School Gym, 1275 B Street, Davis, CA 95615** and **South – Rancho San Antonio, 21000 Plummer Street, Chatsworth, CA 91311**

For more information about this program, please contact:

Bro. Julio Jimenez
State Free Throw Chairman
818-919-9545



YOUTH ESSAY COMPETITION

The Essay Competition is open to all Catholic students in public, private or parochial schools. Essay Submissions will fall into two groups.

- Group A: Grades 4 thru 7 (Optional for Council, Chapter and State Levels Only – Does Not Advance to Supreme)
- Group B: Grades 8 thru 12 (Qualifies for submission to State and Supreme)

Topics for Group A**4th Grade Topic:**

"Ways I share My Time, Talents and Treasures at Home, School, and in My Church Community"

5th Grade Topic:

"In my life, who have been my Spiritual Role Models and Why?"

6th Grade Topic:

"How do I live Jesus' Teaching, to Love Thy Neighbor?"

7th Grade Topic:

"How My Catholic / Christian School Education has influenced My Personal Values"

Topic for Group B**8th grade thru 12th grades**

"The Importance of Religious Freedom"

The Supreme Competition Kit can be ordered thru <http://www.californiaknights.org>. Council competition among schools is ongoing until **February 15, 2017**. Judging will be held on: Council level Groups A & B is on **February 25, 2017**; Chapter level Groups A & B is on **March 15, 2017**; State level judging for Groups A & B is on **April 1, 2017**. Only Group B winners will be sent to Supreme.

For more information about the Youth Essay Competition, please contact:

Bro. Claire Tryon

Tel No: 925-673-8564

Email: greycototo@gmail.com

5773 Pepperridge Way Concord, CA 94521-5817

YOUTH POSTER PROGRAM - *SUBSTANCE ABUSE POSTER COMPETITION*

Contestants will compete in two age groups for purposes of judging: (Age as of January 1st)

- Age 8 through 11
- Age 12 through 14

Poster Topics:

Entries in the Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest fall under only one of two topics:

- **Alcohol Awareness and Abuse**
- **Drug Awareness and Abuse**

Note: Entrant can only enter in one of the categories.

Timeline:

Competition will run until late January. Kits need to be ordered now. Deadline for submission are as follows:

- **Council Level - January 25; District Level (optional) - February 14**
Chapter Level - March 15; State Level - April 15

Competition Kit Order Form:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/SA-KITOnline.pdf> found on the State website under Resources or by calling Supreme (203) 752-4016.

For more information about the Youth Poster Program/Competition, please contact:

Bro. Bob Pineschi, CA State Poster Chairman

(H) 916-645-8366

(Email) pineschibob@yahoo.com

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REMINDER ALERT!

**WHAT: Deadline for submission of Applications
 for Academic and Religious Scholarships**

WHEN: March 1, 2017 (Deadline is fast approaching!)

State Council Scholarships:

- **Academic:** Seven (7) student scholarships of \$1,000 each for those entering or resuming college,
- **Religious:** Three (3) scholarships (Jerome J. Junk Memorial Scholarship) worth \$1,000 each to those who are, or will be, attending a vocational religious school and;
- **Squire:** One (1) scholarship (the Father Joseph Geary Scholarship) of \$1,000 to a current or former Columbian Squire entering or resuming college.
- In addition to these scholarships from the California State Council, the Past State Deputies Association will award one Scholarship of \$750 to an eligible applicant from any of the three categories above

For questions about qualifications and required documents for both Academic and Religious Scholarships, please ask your Grand Knight!

Obtaining the application

- Request the appropriate application from the Grand Knight. All of the scholarship application materials are included in the Programs Handbook.

Note: Awarding the Scholarships

The State Scholarship Committee will evaluate the applications, and the State Deputy will announce the winners at the Annual California State Convention. The State Council pays the scholarship directly to the school after confirmation of full-time enrollment.

Please mail all completed applications to:

**Dr. Froilan (Roy) Panlilio, PGK, PFN
State Scholarship Program Chairman
554 Belmont Court
Brentwood, CA 94513**



Operations

Rene Trevino
Operations Director

January 2017 Message

This month Operations is focusing on Protocol. Every once and awhile, we need to be reminded that we are a Fraternal Organization with many traditions and protocols. Following is an excerpt from the State Handbook on Protocol provided by our Protocol Chairman Joe Trechter.

Protocol

Protocol is the ceremonial forms and courtesies that are established as proper and correct in official exchanges between heads of state and their ministers. It is the rigid code setting forth the degree of obedience, the order of precedence, and the rules of official and social behavior. It covers anything that is proper and in good taste. Protocol dictates and guides how an activity should be performed - specifies proper and generally accepted behavior such as showing appropriate respect and acknowledgment of the hierarchical standing of all present.

The Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator and Chapter President must conduct their respective meetings in strict accordance with the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, supplemented by the council, assembly or chapter by-laws and per parliamentary procedure. The order of business for conducting a council or assembly meeting is outlined in the **"The Method of Conduct of a Council Meeting" (#1937)** and **"Ceremonial for Conducting an Assembly Meeting" (#2066)** available from the Supreme Council Supply Department.

Dignitaries who attend a meeting should be accorded due recognition for the office or position they hold. They should always be seating in a place of honor. Dignitaries include the Hierarchy, Priest, Religious, Supreme Officers, Supreme Directors, State Officers, State Directors and Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Vice Supreme Masters, Masters, Faithful Navigators, Chapter Presidents, Grand Knights and Local and State officials, all of which are honored guests and as such should occupy a seat of honor.

It is impossible to cite every rule governing every situation, that is why most rules are unwritten. As a guide, we should always display proper respect for the office or title represented by an individual. In no way, should we let dislike for a person influence our respect for the office he holds.

Additional information regarding protocol can be found in the **Protocol Handbook (#1612)** that can be ordered through the Supreme Supply Catalog or can be found in the State Operations Handbook which has been provided on a flash drive and distributed to District Deputies and Grand Knights.

BREAKING NEWS!

January 10, 2017— POPE FRANCIS APPOINTS STATE CHAPLAIN, AUXILIARY BISHOP OSCAR SOLIS, BISHOP OF DIOCESE OF SALT LAKE CITY

With his appointment to the Diocese of Salt Lake City, Bishop Solis becomes the first Filipino to lead a diocese in the United States. Upon his installation on March 7, 2017, he will be serving a diocese of 300,000 Catholics that spans the entire state of Utah.

Please pray for him on his new pastoral assignment and for his faithful and successful stewardship of the Diocese of Salt Lake City.



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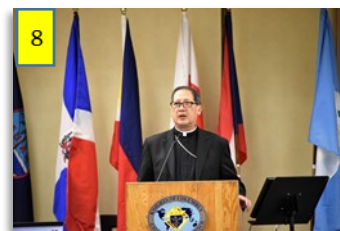
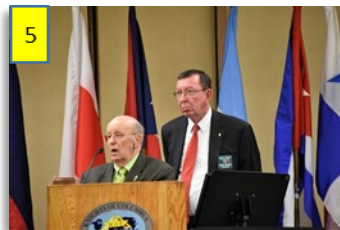
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